

Any combination proposal will not be accepted.

(d) Any processing or servicing activity conducted pursuant to this subpart involving authorized assistance to RHS employees, members of their families, known close relatives, or business or close personal associates, is subject to the provisions of subpart D of part 1900 of this chapter. Applicants for this assistance are required to identify any known relationship or association with an RHS employee.

[58 FR 21894, Apr. 26, 1993, as amended at 62 FR 26208, May 13, 1997]

§ 1944.652 Policy.

(a) The policy of RHS is to provide HPG's to grantees to operate a program which finances repair and rehabilitation activities to individual housing, rental properties, or co-ops for very low- and low-income persons. Individual housing that is owner occupied may qualify for replacement housing when it is determined by the grantee that the housing is not economically feasible for repair or rehabilitation. Grantees are expected to:

(1) Coordinate and leverage funding for repair and rehabilitation activities, as well as replacement housing, with housing and community development organizations or activities operating in the same geographic area; and

(2) Focus the program on rural areas and smaller communities so that it serves very low and low-income persons.

(b) RHS intends to permit grantees considerable latitude in program design and administration. The forms or types of assistance must provide the greatest long-term benefit to the greatest number of persons residing in individual housing, rental properties, or co-ops needing repair and rehabilitation or replacement of individual housing.

(c) Repairs and rehabilitation or replacement activities affecting properties on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places will be accomplished in a manner that supports national historic preservation objectives as specified in § 1944.673.

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§ 1944.653 Objective.

The objective of the HPG program is to repair or rehabilitate individual housing, rental properties, or co-ops owned and/or occupied by very low- and low-income rural persons. Grantees will provide eligible homeowners, owners of rental properties, and owners of co-ops with financial assistance through loans, grants, interest reduction payments or other comparable financial assistance for necessary repairs and rehabilitation. Further, individual housing that is owner occupied may qualify for replacement housing when it is determined by the grantee that the housing is not economically feasible for repair or rehabilitation, except as specified in § 1944.659.

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§ 1944.654 Debarment and suspension—drug-free workplace.

(a) For purposes of this subpart, exhibit A of FmHA Instruction 1940-M (available in any Agency office) requires all Rural Development applicants; for an HPG to sign and submit with their preapplication, Form AD-1047, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters—Primary Covered Transactions," which basically states that the applicant has not been debarred or suspended from Government assistance. Further, all grantees after receiving a HPG must obtain a signed certification (Form AD-1048, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions") from all persons or entities (excluding homeowner recipients) that the grantee does business with as a result of the HPG. Grantees are responsible for informing these persons or entities of the provisions of exhibit A of FmHA Instruction 1940-M (available in any Agency office) and of maintaining Form AD-1048 in the grantee's office.

(b) Grantees must also be made aware of the Drug-free Workplace Act of 1988 requirements found in exhibit A of FmHA Instruction 1940-M (available in any Agency office). For this subpart,